

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 7, with the following amended paragraph:

An inlet 72 for introducing the laundry M is formed at the front side of the inner tub 20, and a plurality of holes 22 for introducing washing water inside the outer tub 6 are formed at an inner circumferential surface and a rear side surface of the inner tub 20. Also, a lift 26 for lifting laundry is provided at the inner circumferential surface of the inner tub 20.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 1, with the following amended paragraph:

As shown in Figure 5, the plasma discharge unit 120 includes: an inflow passage 122 connected to a connection hole 61 formed at the lower side of the outer tub 60; a filter 142 mounted at a filter guide 143 disposed between the connection hole 61 and the inflow passage 122 for filtering foreign materials remaining at washing water introduced through the inflow passage 122; a discharge box 124 for receiving washing water introduced through the inflow passage 122 and having a space where a plasma discharge is performed; a spray nozzle 129 connected to the inflow passage 122 and disposed in the discharge box 124, for expandably spraying washing water introduced through the inflow passage 122 into the discharge box 124; a high voltage generator 128 disposed at one side of the discharge box 124; an electrode 126 disposed at a circumferential surface of the discharge box 124 and electrically connected to the high voltage generator 128; circulation ducts 144 and 146 for connecting a connection opening ~~148~~ 143 formed at the upper side of the outer tub 60 and the discharge box 124 so that washing

water which has passed through the discharge box 124 ~~can~~ be re-circulated into the outer tub 60; and a circulation pump 130 disposed between the circulation ducts 144 and 146.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 4, with the following amended paragraph:

First, washing water is received in the inner tub 70 and then the door 56 is closed. Under this state, if the washing machine is operated, washing water is supplied by the water supply unit 90 and thereby washing water is contained in the lower portion of the outer tub 60, the discharge box ~~+26_~~124, and the circulation pump 130. Also, when the driving unit 80 is operated, the inner tub 70 is rotated and washing water and laundry inside the inner tub 70 are stirred thereby to perform a washing operation.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 6, with the following amended paragraph:

In the second embodiment of the present invention, a dielectric particle 150 for accelerating plasma discharge is mounted in the discharge box ~~+25_~~124. That is, a pair of supporting members 154 and 156 provided with a plurality of holes 152 through which washing water passes are fixed to inside of the discharge box 124, and the dielectric particle 150 is contained between the supporting members 154 and 156.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 17, with the following amended paragraph:

As shown in Figures 11 and 12, a plasma discharge unit 420 provided at the washing machine according to the fourth embodiment of the present invention includes: an inflow passage 422 connected to a connection hole 61 formed at the lower side of the outer tub 60; a discharge box 424 for receiving washing water introduced through the inflow passage 422 and having a space where a plasma discharge is performed; a supporting member 454 fixed to inside of the discharge box 424 and provided with a plurality of holes 452 through which washing water passes; a catalyst 450 disposed at a space formed by the supporting member 454 and the discharge box 424 for changing a pH level of washing water; a high voltage generator 428 disposed at one side of the discharge box 424; and an electrode 426 disposed at one side surface of the discharge box ~~324~~424 and electrically connected to the high voltage generator 428.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 17, line 15, with the following amended paragraph:

A plasma discharge unit 520 provided at the washing machine according to the fifth embodiment of the present invention includes: an inflow passage 522 connected to a connection hole 61 formed at the lower side of the outer tub 60; a discharge box 524 for receiving washing water introduced through the inflow passage 522 and having a space where a plasma discharge is performed; a supporting member 554 fixed to inside of the discharge box 524 and provided with a plurality of holes 552 through which washing water passes; a partition wall 530 for separating a space formed by the supporting member ~~454~~554 and the discharge box ~~424~~524 into a first space

531 and a second space 532; first and second catalysts 550 and 560 respectively disposed at the first and second spaces 531 and 532 for changing a pH level of washing water at the time of a plasma discharge; a high voltage generator ~~328~~528 disposed at one side of the discharge box ~~324~~524; and first and second electrodes 526 and 528 electrically connected to the high voltage generator 528 and respectively disposed to be adjacent to the first and second spaces 531 and 532.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 19, line 8, with the following amended paragraph:

A plasma discharge unit 620 provided at the washing machine according to the sixth embodiment of the present invention includes: an inflow passage 622 connected to a connection hole 61 formed at the lower side of the outer tub 60; a discharge box 624 for receiving washing water introduced through the inflow passage 622 and having a space where a plasma discharge is performed; a high voltage generator 628 disposed at one side of the discharge box 624; an ~~electrodes~~electrode 626 electrically connected to the high voltage generator 628; and an air supply unit 630 connected to the discharge box 624 by a connection pipe 632 for supplying air 634 into the discharge box 624.